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**SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT MESSAGES  
RELATING TO CUBAN SITUATION**

**PERIOD 230701 - 240700 OCTOBER 1962**

**1. II MEF**

**a. CG, FMFLANT ANNOUNCED ACTIVATION OF II MEF FOR PLANNING  
AND EMBARKATION IN CONNECTION WITH CG, II MEF OPLAN 316-62.**

**II MEF TASK ORGANIZATION AS FOLLOWS:**

II MEF	TF 129
HQS GRU	TF 129.0
LANGRUWEST	TG 129.1
LANGRUEAST	TG 129.2
LANFORAVN	TG 129.3
FORLOGGRU	TG 129.5
FORENGRGRU	TG 129.6
FOR RESERVE	TG 129.7

**232326Z (S)**

**b. CINCLANTFLT DEPLOYMENT SUMMARY AS OF 230700Q REPORTED  
THAT COMPHIBRON TEN IN THE BOXER DEPARTED FOR ONSLOW AREA TO LOAD  
HELO SQUADRON PLUS ADDITIONAL HELOS FOR OKINAWA AND THETIS BAY.  
PHIBRON TEN WILL ALSO LOAD ONE MARINE BLT. PHIBRON TWO IS SCHEDULED  
TO OUTLOAD ONE BLT AT MOREHEAD CITY ON 23-25 OCT.**

**231234Z (TS)**

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(EAC NOTE: SUBSEQUENT TELCONS WITH FMFLANT INDICATES PHIBRON TEI WILL LOAD BLT 3/8 AND DEPART FOR CUBAN WATERS ON 26 OCT. PHIBRON TWO WILL LOAD BLT 2/8 AND DEPART FOR CUBAN WATERS ON 24 OCT.)

c. 2D MARDIV ESTABLISHED REAR ECHELON, 2D MARDIV AT CLNC EFFECTIVE 23 OCTOBER.

232036Z (U)

2. 5TH MEB

a. CINCLANT REQUESTED FROM THE JCS THAT THE 2 PRESENTLY CONUS BASED VMA SQUADRONS EARMARKED FOR 5TH MEB BE CHOPPED IN PLACE TO CINCLANTFLT.

222208Z (TS)

b. JCS DIRECTED CINCPAC TO CHOP IN PLACE TO CINCLANT, TWO CONUS BASED VMA SQUADRONS EARMARKED FOR 5TH MEB.

231510Z (TS)

c. THE JCS DIRECTED CINCPAC TO RECONSTITUTE THE 5TH MEB TO CONSIST OF 4 BLTS AS REQUESTED BY CINCLANT.

231538Z (S)

d. CG, 1ST MARDIV ADVISED CG, FMFPAC THAT UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES WILL BE DESIGNATED AS THE 4TH BN FOR 5TH MEB.

(EAC NOTE - THE 4 DESIGNATED BNS ARE 1/1, 1/3, 1/7 AND 3/7).

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231530Z (TS)

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e. FMFPAC DIRECTED 1ST MARDIV AND 5TH MEB TO RECONSTITUT THE 5TH MEB AND TO EXPECT AN ORDER TO COMPLETE LOADING ON THIS BASIS.

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231901Z (S)

f. CINCPACFLT DIRECTED COMPHIBPAC AND CG, FMFPAC TO LOAD OUT 5TH MEB WITH FOUR BNS. 5TH MEB WAS FURTHER DIRECTED TO CHOP TO CINCLANT, CINCLANTFLT AND COMPHIBLANT.

ADDITIONALLY, DESIGNATED AIR OVERLAND MOVEMENT UNITS ARE TO BE PREPARED FOR MOVEMENT.

231906Z (TS)

g. JCS DIRECTED CINCPAC TO LOAD THE 5TH MEB (-) SEA ECHELON AND FURNISH TIME OF COMPLETION. CINCLANT WAS DIRECTED TO RECOMMEND THE SAILING SCHEDULE. DIRECT LIAISON IS AUTHORIZED.

230311Z (TS)

h. 23 OCTOBER TELCON BETWEEN MGEN NICKERSON AND BGEN YOUNGDALE REVEALED THE FOLLOWING REGARDING LOADING OF 5TH MEB:

1. LOADING COMMENCED AT 231200 (EDT)
2. ESTIMATED COMPLETION OF LOADING 271200 (EDT).  
CG, 1ST MARDIV ANTICIPATES ~~HE CAN REDUCE THIS TIME BY 10 HOURS.~~ CG, 1ST MARDIV FURTHER STATED THAT IF ALL INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PRESSURES ARE EXERTED HE FEELS LOADING CAN BE COMPLETED BY LATE FRIDAY, 26 OCTOBER.

TELCON 231530Q

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3. 3D LAAM BN

a. CG, FMFPAC REPORTS THE INITIAL INCREMENT OF THE 3D LAAM BN DEPARTED MCP 29 PALMS 222028Z. ETA GEORGE AFB 230028Z. EMBARKATION ABOARD AIRCRAFT ESTIMATED TO BEGIN 230200Z.

222229Z (TS)

b. CG, FMFLANT DIRECTED THE 3D LAAM BN TO REPORT TO CG, 2D MAW FOR OPERATIONS.

230325Z (S)

c. CG, AIRFMFPAC REPORTED TO FMFLANT THAT AS OF 232000Z, ALL ELEMENTS OF 3D LAAM BN HAVE CLOSED POE. ESTIMATED 50% OF BN HAS DEPARTED POE. REMAINDER OF MOVEMENT AWAITING AIRCRAFT TURN AROUND.

(EAC NOTE: TELCON WITH 2D MAW INDICATED MOVEMENT WILL BE COMPLETED ON 25-26 OCTOBER).

232102Z (S)

230732Z (TS)

4. AVIATION

a. JCS HAS DIRECTED C/S USAF, CINCONAD, CINCLANT TO IMPLEMENT A MILITARY EMERGENCY ZONE (MEZ) AND SECURITY CONTROL OF AIR TRAFFIC (SCAT) PROCEDURES IN SOUTH FLORIDA IF AND WHEN CINCLANT OPLAN 312 IS ORDERED EXECUTED.

230218Z (TS)

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b. CG, FMFLANT ADVISED CINCLANTFLT THAT MAG-32 HQ IS DEPLING TO ROOSEVELT ROADS TO ASSUME COMMAND OF VMF-333 AND VMA-331.

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c. MAG-14 (REINF) REPORTED OPCON TO CINCAFLANT AT 231340Z.

231740Z (TS)

d. MATS ADVISED C/S AF AND JCS THAT THE ORIGINAL AIRLIFT TO BE APPLIED TO THE MAG-14 MOVE FROM CHERRY POINT AND BEAUFORT TO KEY WEST WAS DECLARED BY THE USER TO BE EXCESS AND SUBSEQUENTLY REDUCED. AS OPERATIONS PROGRESSSED, ADDITIONAL AIRLIFT WAS REQUIRED. AS A RESULT THE CLOSURE TIME WAS EXTENDED FROM 231900Z TO 241135Z. USING AGENCIES SHOULD BE ADVISED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SUBMITTING ACCURATE REQUIREMENTS.

231830Z (TS)

5. USNAVBASE GTMO

a. JCS ADVISED CINCLANT THAT SECDEF WISHES COMNAVBASE GTMO TO UNDERSTAND THAT HE HAS CLEAR AUTHORITY TO RESPOND INSTANTLY TO ATTACK BY CUBAN FORCES.

232053Z (S)

b. COMNAVBASE GTMO REPORTED A MATS C-135 AIRCRAFT CRASHED WHILE LANDING AT LEeward POINT. (AFCP REPORTS UNOFFICIALLY THAT 7 MATS PERSONNEL WERE KILLED. NO PASSENGERS ON BOARD.)

AS OF 232200Z, THE GROUND DEFENSE FORCE HAD 189 MARINE OFFICERS AND 4552 MARINE ENLISTED.

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6. MISCELLANEOUS

a. JCS APPROVED CINCLANT'S RECOMMENDATION THAT THE CODE WORD "SCABBARDS" BE APPROVED TO QUICKLY IDENTIFY ALL COMMUNICATIONS RELATIVE TO CUBAN OPERATIONS AND PLANNING. CLASSIFICATION OF CODE WORD ITSELF IS CONFIDENTIAL AND ITS MEANING IS TOP SECRET.

230042Z (TS)

b. JCS ADVISED SERVICES AND CINCs OF UNIFIED AND SPECIFIED COMMANDS OF DETAILED PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE "QUARANTINE" OF CUBA.

230609Z (S)

c. JCS DIRECTED CSA, CNO, CMC, CSAF, CINCLANT, CINCSTRIKE, CINCSAC, AND CINCONAD TO STEP UP SECURITY AT U. S. DOMESTIC BASES OF ALL SERVICES AND COMMANDS WHICH ARE INVOLVED TO ANY SIGNIFICANT DEGREE IN CURRENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH CUBAN SITUATION. THE ADDITIONAL DEGREE OF SECURITY WHICH IS DESIRED IS THAT WHICH WILL LIMIT ENTRY INTO SPECIFIED AREAS OF BASES DESIGNATED BY ACTION ADEES TO MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, CIVILIANS EMPLOYED AT BASES AND OTHER CIVILIANS WHOSE ENTRY IS REQUIRED FOR ESSENTIAL BASE ACTIVITIES.

231920Z (C)

d. JCS CONCURRED WITH CINCONAD PROPOSAL TO REDUCE AIRBORNE ALERT MANNING IN SOUTHEAST U. S. FROM PRESENT 10 INTERCEPTORS TO 4 BEGINNING 231545Z. THIS LEVEL WILL PERMIT CONTINUOUS OPERATIONS AND CONSERVE THE INTERCEPTOR FORCE FOR

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HIGHER LEVELS OF ALERT IF AND WHEN REQUIRED.

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232051Z (S)

e. JCS DIRECTED CINCSAC TO INITIATE GENERATION OF SAC FORCES EFFECTIVE 241400Z. THIS ACTION IS APPLICABLE TO CINCSAC ONLY. JCS "A" HOUR WORLD WIDE HAS NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED

232306Z (S)

f. CINCONAD RECOMMENDED TO JCS THE DEPLOYMENTS OF 1 HERCULES AND 3 HAWK BATTALIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE AIR DEFENSE OF FLORIDA. TWO OF THE HAWK BATTALIONS ARE LISTED AS MARINE CORPS UNITS.

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222115Z (TS)

g. CINCONAD ADVISED JCS THAT THE 6/65 ARTILLERY BATTALION (HAWK) FROM FORT MEADE IS NOW ENROUTE KEY WEST BY RAIL. ETA 241200Z.

230630Z (TS)

h. JCS REQUESTED CSA TO PROVIDE ONE HAWK BN AND CINCSTRIKE TO PROVIDE ONE NIKE-HERCULES BN TO CINCONAD FOR TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT SE U. S. DEFENSES.

232121Z (S)

i. CNO ADVISED CINCLANTFLT THAT ARGENTINE NAVAL ATTACHE HAS MADE FIRM OFFER OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND IS ADVISING HIS GOVERNMENT THAT U. S. ACCEPTS THE OFFER OF A MINIMUM OF TWO DESTROYERS.

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Joint Marine Corps Employment Status

**CONUS:**

**MAC-11** In position at Key West, Florida with 4 squadrons, VMA-242, VMA-324, VMA-533, VMF(AW)-

5th MEB Commenced loading West Coast at 231200Q October 1952. Estimated completion time 96 hours. 51/ has been assigned as the fourth MEB battalion.

**3d LAAM BN** George AFB to Cherry Point. Total airlifted 22 aircraft. At 240030C lift was 30% complete. 52 hours required for aircraft recycling. Estimate completion 25-26 October.

**2d MARDIV** BLT 2/6 loads aboard PHIBRON 2 at MHC and departs for Cuban waters 24 Oct. BLT 3/6 loads aboard PHIBRON 10 at MHC and departs for Cuban waters on 26 Oct.

## Guantanamo

**TU 84.9.1** In position at Guantanamo. Consists of HQs Ground Defense Force, Guantanamo, HQs, RLT-6, BLTs 2/1, 2/2, and 1/8 plus augmentation personnel.

## Roosevelt Roads

MAG-32 HQ enroute to Roos Rds to assume command of VMA-333 and VMA-311 (11 A-10s at forward point)

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